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AMENDMENT

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In connection with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Final Office Action of June 18, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated October 11, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1 to 13.

Please add the following new claims 14 to 25:

--14. (New) An emission control system, comprising:

a particle filter; and

an arrangement disposed upstream from the particle filter and configured to prevent development of ash upstream from the particle filter by one of transformation and maintenance of at least one of the compounds responsible for ash formation in the gaseous state, the arrangement including:

a device configured to collect at least a portion of the ash-forming compounds of sulfur contained in the exhaust gas; and

a device configured to convert the collected ash-forming compounds of sulfur into gaseous compounds of sulfur that do not form ash.

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